

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Tom DuBois for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois is one such estimable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a former member of this august body, Tom DuBois has, for many years, been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Maury County, distinguishing himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois was born in 1964 in Columbia, Tennessee, and attended Maury County public schools; in 1984, he graduated from Columbia State Community College, with an Associate Degree in Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre-Law, Magna Cum Laude; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuBois received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee in 1989, graduating with Honors and serving as President of the Christian Legal Society while in law school; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Tom DuBois began his career as an attorney with the firm of DuBois & Mounger, P.C., where he practiced law for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuBois accepted a commission to serve on active duty in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) in 1991, serving until 1996; while a military attorney, Tom DuBois served with the 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana; 2nd

Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and the Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Defense Counsel in Italy, Mr. DuBois represented soldiers in Italy, Turkey, and Southern Germany, and also served as Chief, Legal Assistance, 5th Infantry Division; Trial Counsel, 2nd Brigade Armored Division; and Senior Defense Counsel, SETAE, TDS; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary military service, Tom DuBois was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Air Assault Badge, and in 1996, Mr. DuBois was promoted to Major in the Individual Ready Reserves, in which he currently serves; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois returned to Columbia to practice law in 1996 with his father, James DuBois, and together they founded the firm of DuBois & DuBois, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. DuBois was appointed by the Columbia City Council to serve as City Judge for the City of Columbia; in addition to his duties as City Judge, Mr. DuBois continues to practice law with the firm of DuBois, DuBois & Bates, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2002, the good people of House District 64 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Tom DuBois by electing him as their member to the House of Representatives, a position to which he dedicated himself absolutely; and

WHEREAS, representing the communities of Mt. Pleasant, Columbia, Spring Hill, and Culleoka, Mr. DuBois was re-elected to the legislature in 2004 and 2006, serving in the 104th and 105th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic participant in the legislative process, Tom DuBois earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made during his legislative career, serving as a member of the House Judiciary and the House Health and Human Resources Committees, as well as the Civil Practice and Procedure and Public Health and Family Assistance Sub-Committees, and in 2006, Tom DuBois was appointed by the House Republican Caucus to serve as Parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuBois received the Legislator of the Year Award from the South Central Tennessee Development District in 2004 and 2007, and he is also the recipient of the Chief Ed Holt, Hugh Harris, James Boyd, Barter Peyton and Walter Griffin Public Service Award from the Columbia Fraternal Order of Police for "his outstanding service to the citizens of Maury County"; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he has been recognized as a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow and was honored by the Hope House Center Against Domestic Violence 2004 for "his legislative efforts to ensure justice for victims of domestic violence"; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship, Tom DuBois has rendered astute service as a member of many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the King's Daughter's School, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Chairman of the Maury Alliance Economic Development Council, American Heart Association, Columbia Noon Rotary Club, Maury County Chamber of Commerce, Maury County YMCA, Maury Alliance, Honorary Chairman of the March of Dimes Maury County Walk-A-Thon, and the McDowell PTO Board, which he served as President in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Leadership Maury Class of 1997 and the Leadership Middle Tennessee Class of 2008, Mr. DuBois is also a member of the Tennessee Municipal Judge's Association, Tennessee Bar Association, National Rifle Association, Maury County Gun Club, Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion Post 19, and Tennessee Scenic River Association; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois, an Eagle Scout, was the District Chairman of the Duck River District of the Boy Scouts of America from 2000 to 2002, and also served as Assistant District Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Camping Chair, Friends of Scouting Campaign Chair, and Den Leader; moreover, he received the Boy Scout's Long Rifle Award in 2001 and the Boy Scout's Silver Beaver Award in 2005 for his meritorious service to the Middle Tennessee Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DuBois attends St. Peter's Episcopal Church and has faithfully served on the vestry and as a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois is married to the former Anita Farmer, who was also raised in Columbia, and they are the proud parents of three children: Whitney, Sam, and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Tom DuBois is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Tom DuBois for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of House District 64 and Maury County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.